

## *Dragonflies & Damselflies at Borderland*

Borderland State Park is home to many kinds of dragonflies and damselflies, thanks to the great variety of habitat: wooded upland, wet lowland, open fields, ponds, streams and marshes.

At rest, dragonflies hold their wings out in flying position; damselflies fold their wings up over their backs; spreadwings hold them in a swept-back intermediate position.

Unless otherwise noted all photos were taken here at Borderland State Park and belong to Massachusetts DCR.

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### **Slaty Skimmer**



This is a big dragonfly, almost 3 inches long. Find them at Lower Leach Pond, also near the rhododendrons at the Mansion. (DCR photo)

### **Common Whitetail**



The Common Whitetail is a large fearless dragonfly of open fields. In the farmhouse fields at Borderland it will take off ahead of you and land a few yards farther down the trail, repeatedly. Like all other dragonflies and damselflies, Whitetails are voracious eaters of mosquitos and other insects, catching them in mid-air. (Photo courtesy Mike Harney, EFG Project, UMass Boston)

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## **Ebony Jewelwing**



See this beautiful black-winged damselfly by the dam at Lower Leach Pond. (Photo courtesy Stonehill College)

## **Familiar Bluet**



This small damselfly can often be seen near the Lodge. (Photo courtesy John Harney, EFG Project, UMass Boston.)

## **Red Saddlebags**



Named “Red Saddlebags” for the markings on the hindwings, this large dragonfly can often be seen near the Visitor Center woodpile. (Photo courtesy Stonehill College)

## **Common Green Darner**



This 3-inch dragonfly has clear wings, a green thorax and a blue abdomen. Look for it in the fields near ponds. (Photo courtesy Dept of Biology, Sanford University)

## **Dot-tailed Whiteface**



A small dragonfly – note the yellow dot on its tail. It's often seen at Lower Leach Pond. (Photo courtesy John & Jane Balaban)

## **Golden-winged Skimmer**



Skimmers are fast flyers, about 1.5 to 2 in. long. They frequent stream banks. (Photo courtesy Will Cook)